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From: Peter Ricca [Peter.Ricca@LA.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 11:20 AM
To: anna@labucketbrigade.org; Hannah, Lushan LCDR; Thompson, Steve; Lee Lemond; Cheryl.nolan@la.gov
Cc: Martin, John; Broyles, Ragan; Enders, Jhana
Subject: RE: Press Summary Sheet & iWitness Reports

Ms. Hrybyk:

The data collected and analyzed during this incident showed that there were no impacts related to air quality that would be considered a health risk by established environmental standards.

DEQ conducted air monitoring at and around the facility shortly after the fire and until Saturday morning. The first DEQ emergency response team arrived and began air monitoring using handheld devices can detect elevated levels of volatile organic compounds, hydrogen sulfide or carbon monoxide. They also test for flammability (% to the lower explosive level) and oxygen levels. If the percent of oxygen level lower than normal that is an indication that some other constituent was displacing the oxygen. All the monitoring came back non-detect or, in the case of flammability and oxygen, normal. Monitoring was conducted at 10 designated sites throughout the day on Thursday, the day of the fire. An EPA team monitored the same points throughout the evening.

DEQ also had the Mobile Air Monitoring Lab downwind from the facility and conducted continuous air monitoring. It also found levels to be safe. Finally, DEQ also took seven canister samples, which was sent to be analyzed for nearly 60 different pollutants. These levels were well within a safe range for human health. The data from these canister samples are available at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

These monitoring efforts took place from the site of the facility to the Dutchtown community and at a variety of other sites in the nearby community. DEQ also has a fixed air monitoring site at Dutchtown, near Geismar, that measures air quality on an on-going basis. The monitor is downwind from the facility and had values consistent with normal readings for the area.

As in all cases of suspected exposure, DEQ recommends that if someone feels ill for any reason, they should seek medical attention. A medical professional can address the illness and document any causes for the illness.

The Louisiana State Police is the designated State-on-Scene Commander (SOSC) for all incidents involving hazardous materials. The LSP Transportation and Environmental Safety section can be contacted at (225) 925-6113.

Thank you for your concern in this matter.

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From: Anna Hrybyk [<mailto:anna@labucketbrigade.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 12:47 PM

To: Hannah, Lushan LCDR; thompson.steve; Lee Lemond; Cheryl Nolan; Peter Ricca

Subject: Fwd: Press Summary Sheet & iWitness Reports

Dear Colleagues:

Please find attached a .csv file of the iWitness Pollution Reports from June 13th and 14th and the results summary from our Response Team deployment. Kindly forward to Incident Command. Let me know if there is any more information you would like. If you could also provide me with contact information for the Incident Commander, that would also be helpful.

Thanks,

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Smell petrochemicals? Report to LABB's [iWitness Pollution Map](#) **what you see, smell, hear and feel.**

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From: **EvanMarie Allison** <evanmarie@labucketbrigade.org>

Date: Mon, Jun 17, 2013 at 5:18 PM

Subject: Press Summary Sheet & iWitness Reports

To: Anne Rolfes <anne@labucketbrigade.org>, Anna Hrybyk <anna@labucketbrigade.org>

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Dance the pollution away:
Stomp Out The Stink Dance-A-Thon 2013!
Sat July 27th 2pm-2am @ Cafe Istanbul
Register now at labbdanceathon.org

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